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Via e-mail: markg@moval.org

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Dear Mr. Gross:

Re: World Logistics Center Project, Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2012021045)

The following are my comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center Project.

The project design is extremely poor land use planning. The proposed project is 41.6 million square feet of warehousing, approximately the size of 700 football fields set in the midst of low density residential and agricultural lands. The land use is incompatible with surrounding land uses and does not match the city's general plan.

There is not adequate infrastructure in place (such as rail facilities and highways) to serve the project. Thousands of trucks will clog our already traffic-filled freeways and local roads; it will increase freeway congestion. The taxpayers of Moreno Valley and the entire inland region will end up subsidizing infrastructure improvements through their local, county, state and federal taxes. It places an unfair tax burden on the residents of Moreno Valley and the Inland Empire.

The Inland Empire already has some of the worst air quality in the country. The project will increase air pollution, fine and ultra-fine diesel particulates which are known to have negative effects on children's health, those with asthma, lung disease and the elderly. The following source (<http://www.catf.us/diesel/dieselhealth/> Diesel Soot Health Impacts; Clean Air Task Force; map) states that: "The average lifetime diesel soot cancer risk for a resident of Riverside County is 1 in 3,917. This risk is 255 times greater than EPA's acceptable cancer level of 1 in a million."

The proposed project will have devastating impacts on the state-owned 11,000 acre San Jacinto Wildlife Area (SJWA). The SJWA shares a common boundary with the proposed WLC project lands. The wildlife area is a Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) reserve for the County of Riverside. Its purpose is to preserve threatened and endangered plants and animals for future generations. Lights, noise, air pollution will affect the viability of the SJWA as an MSHCP reserve and its recreational uses such as hunting and observing birds and other wildlife.

Lastly, I do not support this project. It is extremely disappointing to see the city of Moreno Valley lower its standards and work to promote a project that will in the long term destroy the quality of life of our city. It is obvious to anyone that the economic benefits touted by the city and its band of supporters will not be attained. Here is a city that has a population of almost 200,000 residents but yet chooses to ignore the comments of its residents and has denied them the ability to be part of the planning process from the inception of the project. The city holds ‘public forums’ that do not allow the residents to ask questions or make comments saying that opportunities will come. You can do a better job.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please notify me of all meetings, documents and any other information related to this project. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,



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